

Why would the FCC, a government commission paid via my tax dollars, want to suppress a valuable information service that I pay for? What benefit does suppressing this information bring to the public?

In the NYC area I have to wait 10 minutes for a traffic report that lasts about 1 minute. If I want to hear the entire metro traffic report, I have to wait about 2-3 cycles each time. XM provides all the traffic in about 5 minutes (and then starts over again). You have to keep in mind that in NJ, we don;t get to ride on a single road for a long time. We exit and enter many roads, bridges and tunnels to get around. We need detailed information and lots of it in order to make the right choices. Otherwise we end up in gas-guzzling, air-choking traffic.

There are traffic reports on AM, FM, XM, Cable, Satellite and airwave TV. Why should any be excluded from the right to inform the public.

This issue is about freedom of competition, taxpayer/commuter time and money, and the environment.

The government has already allowed too much consolidation in the radio industry, further restricting freedom of speech and competition. Not to mention forcing me to listen to commercials 30% of my time in the car.

I am an XM listener, a taxpayer, and I vote.